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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECVISIT

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1. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS EXTENDED A FORMAL INVITATION TO HOUSE THE SECRETARY'S OFFICIAL PARTY AND STAFF IN SCHLOSS GYMNICH (DETAILS ON OFFICE SPACE AND ACCOMMODATIONS BY SEPTTEL). PLEASE CONFIRM ASAP THAT WE CAN ACCEPT GERMAN OFFER. GYMNICH IS ABOUT 45 MINUTES BY CAR FROM AIRPORT (15 MINUTES BY HELICOPTER), AND ABOUT 40 MINUTES BY CAR FROM BONN (15 MINUTES BY HELICOPTER). IT HAS MORE SPACE THAN ANY OF THE OTHER VIP GUEST ACCOMMODATIONS, AND IN ANY CASE THE GERMANS TELL US IT IS THE ONLY POSSIBILITY FOR THE VISIT IN THE GIVEN TIME FRAME.

2. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS ALSO GIVEN US THEIR TENTATIVE IDEAS ABOUT A POSSIBLE PROGRAM FOR THE VISIT (ALL SUBJECT TO FURTHER DISCUSSION AND CONFIRMATION AT HIGHER LEVELS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND IN THE CHANCELLERY). CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT IS SCHEDULED TO BE IN HAMBURG ON THE MORNING OF THE 16TH. THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS THINKING OF BREAKFAST WITH ONLY THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER PRESENT, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A MEETING OF THE TWO DELEGATIONS UNTIL ABOUT NOON. THE SECRETARY WOULD THEN GO BY HELICOPTER TO THE

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CHANCELLERYFOR LUNCH TO BE ATTENDED BY SCHMIDT AND

GENSCHER, AMONG OTHERS. AFTER LUNCH THE SECRETARY WOULD RETURN BY HELICOPTER TO GYMNICH AND LEAVE FOR THE AIRPORT FROM THERE.

3. WE STRESS THAT ABOVE REPRESENTS VERY PRELIMINARY LOOK AT POSSIBLE SCHEDULE FROM THE GERMAN SIDE. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL, HOWEVER, FOR DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS OF PROGRAM WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE. WE HAVE BEEN ASSUMING, INCIDENTALLY, THAT IN VIEW OF LATENESS OF ARRIVAL FEBRUARY 15, THE SECRETARY DOES NOT WISH TO HAVE ANY OFFICIAL PROGRAM THAT EVENING. PLEASE ADVISE.

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